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"Winter 1906"

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GAMESMASTER GOOFS, RETIRES TO AMERICA

GENEVA (DWE) It is with some regret that we announce the retirement of John Smythe, BMOC, AB, HGM, from the editorship of Trantor. Exhausted by his rigorous fishing excursions, appalled by his erroneous reporting of the Vienna-Budapest battle, saddened by the miscarriage of Swiss-French communication, Smythe has retired to Chicago, where he plans a work on political economy under the pseudonym of John Maynard Keynes. Milton Friedman is very upset.

The new editor is John Koning, already a publisher in his own right through the DWE Press' control of Massif, a conservative journal dealing with bloodshed and other light, interesting topics.

In the last issue Austria's A Vie-Bud and Turkey's A Bud-Vien should be underlined, as the two forces stood each other off and did not exchange places (as every player has pointed out to us).

The alignment of forces in Europe as of December 31, 1906 is:

ENGLAND: F Port, F NorAt, F Eng, F NorS, F Liver, F Kiel, A Wal,
A Lon, A Edi, A Hol, A Bel
FRANCE: F Bre, F Gulf, F Tyrr, A Bur, A Ruhr
GERMANY: A Ber
ITALY: F Nap, F Ion, A Ven
AUSTRIA: F Gre, A Ser, A Tri, A Vie
TURKEY: F Bul (SC), F Aeg, A Eas, A Con, A Smy, A Bud, A Gal, A Sil,
A Mun, A Pru

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DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1907 MOVES IS SATURDAY, 3 JULY 1965!

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Moves for the Winter of 1906 are as follows:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Removes Fleet Albania, Army Bohemia
ENGLAND: Builds Army Edinburgh, Fleet Liverpool
FRANCE: Removes Fleet Tunis, Army Piedmont
GERMANY: No change
ITALY: Builds Fleet Naples
TURKEY: Builds Army Constantinople, Army Smyrna.

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CONSTANTINOPLE England claims Kiel as English by right of occupation. Turkey feels that Kiel is in the Turkish sphere of influence and that England invaded Kiel unnecessarily

"Equity is a roguish thing." -- John Selden

whereas Turkey has attacked only in self-defense (or in defense of Italy), therefore Kiel should belong to Turkey because Turkey did not attack Germany.

England's refusal to abandon Turkey for Turkish occupation can mean only one thing; England must believe that it can survive with out the generous graces of Turkey and the Mule.

Rash words have been spoken of taking the Mule to London as a "prisoner of war." The Mule would like to visit London -- to better supervise the taking of the North Sea. Does the Englishman dare to admit the Mule to London? Not even in chains?

ROME Come on, gang, I'm serious. My units are up for sale to the highest bidder (I've got to get my entry fee back somehow). In the meantime, who can I bugger up...?

PARIS Via the good offices of Italy, France has learned of the Great Wall of Geneva. No word had come from Geneva since Fall of 1904, over a year ago. It appears that the secrecy is partially the result of a lack of ambition, imagination and fortitude, and perhaps a desire to see a quick end to the war in Europe. According to other sources in the East, there is also a possibility that the Swiss have left their long time neutrality in favour of direct intervention. But who is to say? Certainly France, after the Swiss broke diplomatic relations, is not sufficiently informed as to be positive; the best it can do is speculate.

LONDON Please cancel the press release in my previous communication. It seems that a recount of the gold supply (after the arrest of the notorious Chrysos Digitaurus by Inspector Lestrade of Scotland Yard, acting upon information gained by a Mr. S. Holmes, brother of the well-known Mycroft Holmes) disclosed that the government can, too, afford to raise an additional army and fleet without destroying the country's economy by resorting to fiat money. Further, recent dispatches from the ambassador to Lichtenstein indicate that the mysterious "Mule" or "Jackass" (official translators disagree as to which is the proper rendering of the German) or whatever indicate that this person may have designs in conflict with His Majesty's Government.

Please be assured that your periodical has been received quite enthusiastically by this office since its inception six and a half years ago; I therefore beg most respectfully to take you to task over the result of Austro-Turkish battles which took place last Fall. According to official reports, the Austrian and Turkish armies fought each other to a standstill at a point halfway between Buda-Pesth and Vienna; however, according to your paper, the Turkish army in Hungary marched into Austria, while the Austrian army marched from Vienna to an area about Buda-Pesth. In view of the size of the forces involved, this seems rather unlikely on the face of it, not to mention that all reports from other sources indicate a decided lack of progress by either force.